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## Chalking against 9/11

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"All bigots will be reincarnated as homeless, homosexual women of color." This message lay written in chalk among numerous others such as: "Real men like Bush," "Michael Moore is a fat ass" and "Why the long face? (John Kerry)" in front of CSUMB's World Theater on the morning of Oct. 14.

Not present the day before, the messages suggested an early protest of that night's scheduled World Theater screening of Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11," a documentary discussing actions of the Bush administration in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

Posts about the chalk messages from students and faculty quickly flooded the FirstClass e-mail system's Open Forum, some as early as 11:30 a.m. that day.

Patricia Poston, a junior TAT major and student assistant at the World Theater, wrote one of these posts.

Upon arriving at work that morning, Poston was shocked at the display, particularly one message with an arrow pointed at the World Theater doors proclaiming, "This way to corruption."

Later, Poston posted to Open Forum that Kelly Bland, CSUMB College Republicans' president, had been in front of the World

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TP-ing the worst of UPD's worries on Halloween

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## Ghosts the only pests on Halloween

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Halloween gives another great excuse for students to let loose, have fun and party. A university is definitely expected to get a little wild and crazy with occasional pranks and run-ins with the law. Based upon the non-existent criminal activities on past Halloweens however, worries about the campus getting too out of hand are absolutely unnecessary.

According to Lt. Jay McTaggart of the University Police Department Halloween is just a normal day in the life of the UPD. In the past years, nothing extravagant has occurred. Even small crimes were rare.

From the Halloween files, the most serious crime was a purse snatching that occurred last year. A student was walking from Building 98 to Building 201 on the evening of Oct. 31, when a man in a pumpkin mask ran up to her and grabbed her purse, which contained \$40. The Halloween bandit was never caught, but fortunately the victim was not hurt.

The most serious case of Halloween vandalism in the past three years also occurred last

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## Stereo thief caught

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Automobile related burglaries have been a major problem on the CSUMB campus in the past couple of months. According to Lt. Jay McTaggart of the University Police Department, there have already been 35 car-related burglaries from

May 1 to Oct. 13 of this year.

Because of the recent increase of automobile burglaries, the UPD have been patrolling the campus parking lots heavily on foot, bikes, and patrol cars to catch, or at least deter, any car burglars.

It worked. On Oct. 13 in parking lot 15 at 9:40 a.m., Sgt.

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A student comes back to find her car broken into.

PHOTO BY CHAD GHOU



# News

## The candidates' platforms

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### President George W. Bush

#### The Economy

The President wants to encourage saving and investment and enact tax reform that would simplify the tax code system. In his second term, Bush plans to continue with a "prosperous" economy by reforming education in hopes of building a skilled and effective workforce.

The President also plans encouraging a fair and simpler tax system and opening markets for American goods around the globe. Reforming government to be smaller and more efficient, responsive, and effective will continue to be a part of his agenda.

#### Education

In his next term, President Bush plans to continue his overhaul on education by giving \$2.5 million annually to high schools to assess math and reading skills. The president believes a good education is the key to a stronger economy.

Bush also wants to strengthen early childhood programs like Head Start and Smart Start. The president also plans to engage faith and community based organizations that help parents advance their children's healthy development.

#### Health Care

The president plans to get to the root of rising health care problems rather than passing them on to taxpayers. The president wants to provide health care to those who need it: most low-income children and families, small businesses, and people who don't get health care through their jobs.

The president plans to establish tax-free health savings accounts that allow patients to own and control their health care. He wants to extend eligibility with Medicaid and lower prescription drug costs.

#### Security

The president is quick to point out that, according to his Web site, "We cannot forget that terrorists remain determined to kill as many Americans as possible, both at home and abroad."

He believes that America should act quickly and swiftly on terrorist's threats at home and abroad. Under president Bush, America will not stand by while a threat festers.

The president will hold any regime responsible that harbors terrorism.

### Senator John Kerry

#### The Economy

Senator Kerry believes that the sign of a strong economy is a strong middle class. He believes today's middle class are working harder for less. As president, Kerry would focus on creating new well paying jobs. Kerry plans to lower taxes for businesses at home to keep them from outsourcing overseas.

Under his presidency, Kerry claims that 98 percent of Americans will get a tax cut. He plans to lower middle class taxes and raising middle class incomes. He also wants to do away with tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans.

#### Education

The senator plans to establish a trust fund that will make sure funding gets to schools that need it. Kerry also supports No Child Left Behind. Kerry and John Edwards want a great teacher in every classroom. They want to offer teachers incentives including better pay and training. Kerry wants to make sure that teachers who don't belong in the classrooms don't stay.

Kerry-Edwards have a plan called "Schools open till six" which provides after school programs that keep kids out of trouble.

As president, Kerry would offer a fully refundable annual tax credit of up to \$4,000 to students who attend college.

#### Health Care

The Kerry-Edwards ticket feels that Americans are paying too much for health insurance. Kerry has a plan that claims to lower families' premiums by up to \$1,000 a year. Kerry wants 95 percent of America insured, including every child. Kerry believes that Americans should be able to have the same insurance members of congress give themselves.

#### Security

Kerry believes that under President Bush, America has severed alliances and now has become more of a bully. Kerry plans to "launch and lead a new era of alliances." The senator wants to strengthen security at vulnerable chemical plants and improve spotty intelligence.

Kerry also plans to protect our borders and shores by inspecting previously non-inspected containers. Kerry and Edwards believe in protecting our personal liberties, including our personal security.

	BUSH	KERRY
	for capital punishment	against capital punishment
	against; signed ban on partial-birth abortion	supports right to choose & voted against banning partial birth abortions
	opposed legislation making child-safety locks mandatory	supports assault-weapons ban
	improved Medicare	supports importing cheaper drugs from Canada
	ordered invasion & captured Saddam Hussein	voted against bill that would provide another \$87 billion for the war

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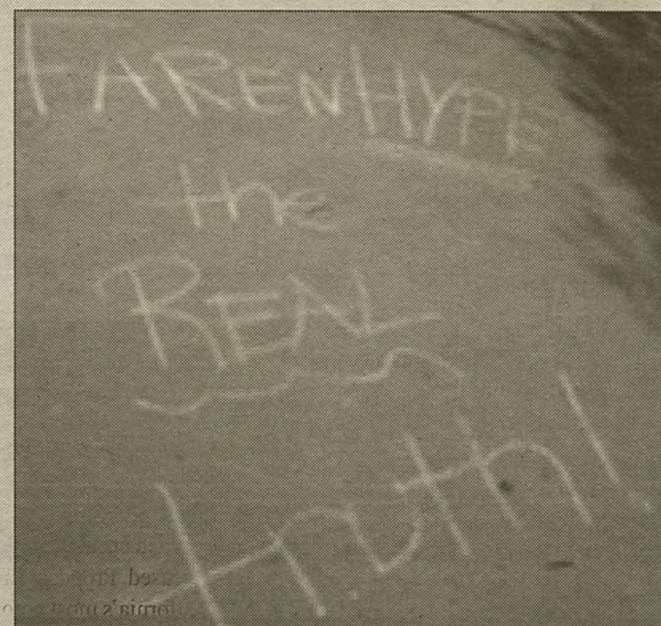


PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER COUNT GALLEGOS

Students protest without picket signs.

## Chalk

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Theater when she arrived at work that morning.

Poston received an infuriated response to her post from a student on Open Forum saying she shouldn't be "name-calling" because at past political rallies, she had made comments like "Bush is a f-----g idiot" and "f--k Bush." Poston said she never made such statements.

Chalk messages found on the sidewalks around CSUMB's main quad were also as potentially volatile as those found at the World Theater. Some had slogans like "Pinkos4Kerry," "Never apologize for being white" and "Ollie North American Hero." That's extremely offensive," said Yuri Beckelman, president of Associated Students, as he gazed at the "Pinkos 4 Kerry" comment written near Building 14. Beckelman felt the use of the word "pinko," an archaic insult usually leveled at communists or communist sympathizers, might offend students with certain political beliefs.

Brian Farrell, vice president of External Affairs for CSUMB's College Republicans and an SBS sophomore, was disappointed with how the authors got their points across. "I don't think they were done in the best of taste," Farrell said.

Farrell explained that one of the College Republicans' main goals was to get students to make informed voting choices and to not

automatically go with the views of their parents, or someone like Michael Moore. When questioned of his feelings about the accusations that his organization wrote the chalk messages, Farrell said, "This was not our organization."

The storm of student emotion over the messages was no match for the torrential rain from another kind of storm. Four days after the appearance of the messages, the chalk messages on the main quad's sidewalks slid with the weekend rains into the surrounding grass and gutters.

A bulletin board on the sidewalk in front of the World Theater suffered a similar fate. All that was left by Oct. 18 was the infamous "this way to corruption" message; "corruption" now crossed out and replaced with "free speech." The message lay shielded from the elements. The World Theater's corrugated arch of a roof gives patrons enough of an umbrella to make it inside dry on a rainy day, and enough cover to leave a few reminders of the last four days.

The authors of these chalk messages remain officially unknown. Perhaps their identity is the least important part of all this. The amount of thought the messages prompted, and will prompt in the future, may be the most important thing of all.

At the very least, this "chalk-ing against 9/11" flipped an old cliché on its head: a word is worth a thousand pictures.





# Props: what to know before going to the polls

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## Proposition 60: Election rights of Political Parties

In California the primary elections that are held in March determines which candidate will be able to participate in the primary elections in November. The winning candidates for partisan offices, which means that each candidate is representing a political party, get to go on to the primary elections. This proposition ensures that the candidate receiving the most votes from each political party has a guaranteed spot in the primary elections. This measure also protects voters' rights to choose by allowing a variety of candidates even from small political parties into the election.

**Pros:** If approved, this method for choosing candidates would be protected by the State Constitution. Since this is already the traditional way of picking the candidates, it would not cost taxpayers any extra money. This proposition would protect the voter's choice.

**Cons:** Proposition 60 does not specify the type of primary election California can have, it leaves politicians form their own conclusions for special interest, and the changes can harm the electoral system. It is also a "poison pill" measure designed to kill Proposition 62's open primary initiative by representing it as unconstitutional. Opponents include the California for an Open Primary.

## Proposition 66: Limitations on "Three Strikes Law." Sex Crimes Punishment.

This proposition calls for a modification of Prop. 184, the "Three Strikes and You Are Out" law, which was approved in 1994. Under Prop. 184, repeating criminal offenders got more serious sentences than first time offenders. California classifies felonies as either "violent" or "serious" or both. If a person already has one serious or violent felony, they would do twice the time if they committed any new felony, even if it is not considered a violent or serious crime. For their third strike, they would be sentenced for life. Prop. 66 wants repeating offenders only to receive a longer sentence only if they commit a violent or serious felony, not just any petty crime. It

also raises sentences for sex offenders.

**Pros:** In other words, repeating felons would not receive the same sentence for a murder as they would be for breaking into a house. This measure would eventually save the prison systems millions of dollars due to shorter sentences served by non-violent or serious offenders.

**Cons:** Californians United for Public Safety is one of the groups, which does not support proposition 66. This proposition will allow the release of repeat offenders. Proposition 66 can cost millions to return state prison inmates to county jails for re-sentencing, and can cost billions to deal with added crime after dangerous criminals are released. Proposition 66 could put some of California's most notorious child molesters back on the street if their "third strike" conviction was for a non-violent crime.

## Proposition 68: Non-Tribal Commercial Gambling Expansion. The Gaming Compact Amendments.

Since tribal owned casinos are exempt from paying taxes on their revenues, Prop. 68 calls for them to either allow slot machines at select already existing non-Tribal casinos, or to pay 25 percent of their total winnings in revenue taxes. These revenues would fund government services, such as police and fire departments and road constructions. Prop. 70, created by Indian tribes, is closely related to 68. Tribes volunteer to pay their fair share of taxes, but they want to be able to run their casinos any way they want. Right now, California tribal casinos are allowed slot machines, but they want to run a more Vegas-style business which would allow roulette and craps tables.

**Pros:** Both Prop. 68 and 70 would bring in California tax revenues, which would lower the state deficit.

**Cons:** Proposition 68 will result in sixteen new casinos in urban areas of San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles and San Diego County. The revenues cannot be used to balance the state budget, and if it passes it will end the compacts already

made with the Tribes. The opponents of this proposition are Governor Arnold Schwarznagger, Jeff Sedivec, President of California State Firefighters' Association and Mike Spence, President of California Taxpayers Protection Committee.

## Proposition 69: DNA samples. Collection. Database. Funding.

Because of the effectiveness of DNA fingerprints in solving crimes, California law requires collection of blood samples for DNA from felons convicted of sexual assault and other crimes. Persons convicted of certain crimes in California may be ordered to pay fines, part of which support state programs and activities.

**Pros:** Since DNA samples would be matched to faces, it would be easier for the law enforcement to solve serious crimes such as murders and rapes, which could eventually lead to the decline of such crimes in California. This would also prevent wrongful imprisonment.

**Cons:** Proposition 69 goes too far by including possibly innocent people in a criminal records. People wrongly accused no longer will have their DNA automatically eliminated, and will face a complicated legal process without right of appeal. The minimal routine safeguards do not protect people from misuse of their entire genetic blueprint.

## Proposition 71: Stem Cell Research

A stem cell is an "unspecialized" cell that has the potential to develop into different types of specialized cells in the body. Researchers work with both embryonic and adult

stem cells. California law permits stem cell research and the University of California conducts such research. The federal government provides funding but limits funds for research on embryonic stem cells. This does not include research for clones.

**Pros:** Stem cells give doctors an opportunity to research cures and treatments for diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's, and more. This could lead to a tremendous medical breakthrough, which could cure fatal illnesses.

**Cons:** Voting no on this proposition means that \$3 billion in general obligation

bonds could not be sold for these purposes. Also both pharmaceutical companies and big business are using taxpayers to fund the narrow field of stem cell research. Since Proposition 71 is a constitutional amendment, neither the governor nor the Legislature can control how the money can be spent, even if stem cell research is not useful.

## Proposition 72: Health Coverage Requirements

**Pros:** This proposition would give workers health care benefits who are unable to afford them. The measure would also save tax-payers' money, since patients would be able to go to their own doctors instead of emergency rooms that are funded by tax money.

**Cons:** The cost of this bill is high, at least \$5.7 billion for employers and \$1.5 billion for employees. SB 2 will severely impact businesses and their ability to compete. Workers who are shifted to a government run program could end up with lower coverage and fewer choices. Opponents include Californians Against Government Run Healthcare.

For more information on these propositions as well as others visit:

- [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org)
- <http://ca.lwv.org>
- <http://www.voterguide.ss.ca.gov/propositions/propositions.htm>

Or call your local political party to see where they stand on these propositions and others.

## Absentee Ballot Information

Extra postage is required on absentee ballots. 60 cents is needed to send ballots through the mail.

Absentee ballots can also be hand-delivered to any polling place on election day.







# Graduation paperwork blues:

Students struggle to complete in ILPs, admin wants to automate system

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The salvation to graduation bureaucracy hell is in committee.

Graduating students must submit with their graduation application a final individual learning plan (ILP) with planned spring coursework six weeks before the necessary spring schedule is released. When an expected course is cancelled or any changes are made, a new ILP or substitution form has to be filled out, signed by the advisor and submitted to Admissions and Records.

"It's an unreasonable expectation for seniors to turn in their ILPs before the schedule's out," said graduating SBS senior Kali Viker, a vocal critic of the policy. "[Seniors] have to be psychic."

One in four classes each semester are cancelled, according to Viker, who has had two planned courses cancelled. Failure to submit forms reflecting changes to planned coursework results in denial of graduation.

Viker's main concern is the possibility of lost paperwork.

"I don't want to end up being a clerical error," said Viker, who has been influenced by rumors of students who thought they were graduating only to find they were not. "Odds are somebody's going to fall through the crack."

According to CSUMB Graduation Counselor Giselle Young, of the graduation applicants processed last year, one in five failed to graduate because they had "not completed all of the requirements for their CSU degree by the end of that specific term." She estimated less than one percent failed due to not providing properly authorized documentation.

Admissions and Records does not track the number of substitution forms filed. Young said the files are classified but estimated she had processed only 10 substitution forms last year.

"That's preposterous," said

SBS and GS department chair and student advisor George Baldwin. "I must have had to do that many myself."

Baldwin is critical of the current graduation system. He complained that students who can't see their advisors in time are hit with a \$20 late graduation application fee and that "at a university where our programs are being cut or modified each semester, it's hard for students to file an ILP that doesn't have to be changed."

"Having that [application] date during the first two weeks is not a bright idea and I think everybody can agree to that," Baldwin said.

"Students need to submit that graduation application at an early enough date so that evaluators can prioritize and process," said David Geyer, director of Admissions and Records, via email. "This allows for more timely information in the advising process."

Geyer explained that any late fees collected go towards supporting operational needs including transcript security paper.

Young said she needs the extra time to process the graduation applications in time for spring registration.

"It's not our goal to be a bureaucratic office that keeps you from graduating," said Young, who mails a letter if a student has missing paperwork. "Communication is pretty clear it just needs to be read and followed through with."

The burden is on students to ensure the proper forms are received, according to Young.

"It's your degree. It's something you've put your time into. You should be proactive in the process," said Young, who suggested the spring schedule should be finalized earlier.

"I don't know if we could revamp the system to do both terms at the same time," said Academic Information and Scheduling Manager Richard Crothers. He suggested the solution involves course stabilization and "some commitment on the

part of the departments."

"Oh, well this doesn't sound right," said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Diane Cordero de Noriega on hearing about the problem seniors are facing with their ILPs. "I'm really going to have to do a little investigation into it."

A moratorium on new courses

was implemented this semester to allow a curriculum management group to develop a new process to help increase student graduation rates, according to Cordero de Noriega.

"Ultimately we want [the graduation filing process] to be totally automated," said Cordero de Noriega, referring to admin-

istration efforts to streamline the bureaucracy. "We're all over it."

In the interim everyone has to deal with the system.

"There's enough course changes to make me want to pull my hair out," said Crothers.

"To create a final ILP is near impossible," said Viker, who is graduating this spring. Maybe.

## No flu vaccine on the Ord CHC WARNS STUDENTS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS

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Flu season is back, but this time without the vaccine.

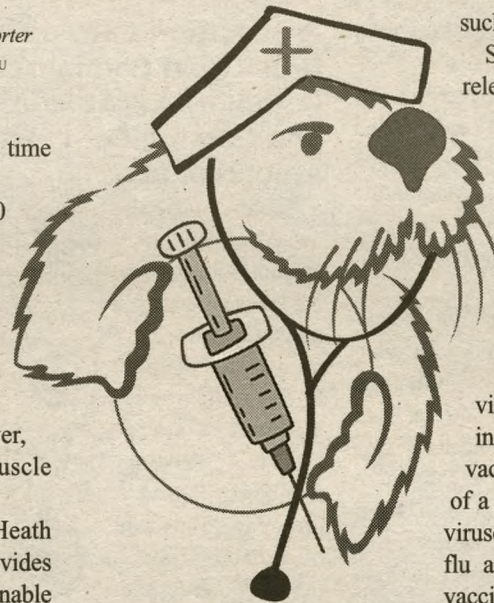
The flu affects 10 to 20 percent of Americans every year and 20,000 Americans end up losing their lives from this infectious illness.

Typical flu symptoms are headaches, sore throat, fever, cough, stuffy nose, muscle aches, and drowsiness.

CSUMB's Campus Health Center, which usually provides flu shots for students, was unable to do so this year, along with a large number of other health centers across the country. "It takes a lot of lead time to gear up and make the vaccine," said Dr. Linda-Lee Myers at the Campus Health Center.

The Chrion Corporation, manufacturer for the Monterey County supply of the flu vaccine, was said to be unsafe for distribution by the FDA. Thus leaving those highly at risk for the flu, such as individuals who are HIV positive, to search high and low for the vaccine.

"More and more people are going to get sick and the ones with a disease already are the ones who are going to suffer the consequences even more," said Maria Negrete, HCOM senior.



GRAPHIC BY DEAD SARA DOWE

Aventis-Pasteur, another supplier for the flu vaccine in the United States, has made 55.4 million doses of the vaccine and is said to be able to have 2.6 million more doses distributed in the United States by January.

The flu vaccine that has already been distributed to the United States is being given to those at high risk for the flu. Those who have a higher risk of catching the flu are individuals 50 years of age or older, health care workers, and those with lung problems, diabetes, AIDS or heart disease.

According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, at high stages of the illness, the flu can lead to deadly diseases

such as pneumonia.

Some don't seem to see the relevancy of the flu shot. "I haven't had a flu shot in three years and I've been okay," said Carmina Martinez, HCOM senior.

The flu vaccine is made up of viruses that have already been killed. The vaccine "contains three different kinds of virus most likely to show up in flu," said Myers. The flu vaccine comes in both the form of a shot and a nasal spray. The viruses that were killed from the flu are used to produce the flu vaccine and protect your body from live viruses that may enter you body during flu season. The vaccine makes your antibodies put up a defense against any living viruses found in the flu.

"What is in a flu vaccine changes from year to year," said Myers.

It is still possible to get the flu even if you get a flu shot. The vaccine is not a cure for the flu.

Those with the flu should "stay away from people that are sick," said Myers. Seeing the doctor is not always necessary. It is important to drink a lot of water, stay in bed, wash you hands frequently, take Tylenol or Ibuprofen for your fever and don't expose others.

For more information on flu shots or health care visit [www.dhs.ca.gov](http://www.dhs.ca.gov).





## Campus Events

To post an event, e-mail  
Matt Fox via FirstClass

### Friday, Oct. 29

Our community needs donors. Please drop in and give the gift of life! The Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula/Red Cross mobile donor unit will be on campus to draw whole blood from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The mobile donor unit will be parked between the Dining Commons (Building 16) and the Media Learning Center (Building 18).

### Friday, Oct. 29

California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) Preparation workshops will be held this week and next week. This week Future Teachers can register to take the Test Taking Skills Preparation to be held today, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Building 21 (sign up by Wed. 10/27/04). Free for CSUMB students and graduates, \$20 for everyone else.

There will be a presentation on the CSU International Programs (Study Abroad) in the University Center Living Room. A Chancellor's Office representative for the CSU-IP will be on campus and available to answer questions about this year's program. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Contact Holly White or Rick Donovan.

### Saturday, Oct. 30

There will be a graduate school forum for those who are considering attending graduate school, or who are not sure what they want to do after they finish their undergraduate work. There is a \$20 registration fee; however this is returned to you upon boarding a bus that will take you to the all day event. For more information please contact Luis Sandoval, EOP officer, at 582-3960

### Sunday, Oct. 31

Halloween is day light savings. this might add a spooky element to halloween this year, especially if you forget! Don't forget to set you clocks one hour back.

### Friday, Nov. 5

WeTEC Faculty Mobile Technology Projects Higher Education Forum. University Center, 10:45 a.m.

### November 11

Lecture Demonstration featuring Alegria-MPA, Building 30 at 10 a.m.

## Thief: Police advise keeping valuables out of car

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Procida noticed a man reading a newspaper inside a car. The man did not have a parking permit or an I.D.

Though Marc Carranza, an unemployed 26-year-old Salinas resident, wasn't in the act of burglarizing a car, he was still arrested for violating the Health & Safety Code.

**"Catching car thieves is difficult. They don't hit the same place at the same time and we don't have unlimited staffing. Part of it is luck and part of it is looking at patterns."**

—LT. MCTAGGART, UPD

"I found him to be in possession of a pipe used to smoke meth," Procida said. Further investigation revealed that Carranza was responsible for several campus car burglaries over the last four months.

Procida explained, "[Carranza] would look for cars that had non-factory installed stereos and for any items of value that were in plain view. He has admitted to doing car burglaries for a long time."

"Catching car thieves is difficult. They don't hit the same place at the same time and we don't have unlimited staffing. Part of it is luck and part of it is looking at patterns," McTaggart explained.

"In terms of the volume and the impact it has with the students, it is a major problem and we do take it seriously," McTaggart said. "These burglaries occur in spurts, sometimes we won't have any for six months."

According to the Police Daily Activity Logs on FirstClass, there were six car burglaries from the week of Oct. 3-9 alone.

Stephanie Hardison, a Liberal Studies junior, was one of the victims. "They stole my stereo, safe plate; they opened my trunk and took my amps. They stole over \$800 worth of things," Hardison said.

Hardison reported the theft on Saturday, Oct. 9 at the back parking lot of the North Quad. She contacted the UPD where an officer arrived to investigate and record the incident. Hardison wasn't happy of the way it was handled.

"[The officer] couldn't tell me much which was pissing me off. He looked at my car, took notes, and gave me a number to call," Hardison explained, "it makes me

mad because they didn't really do much."

Lt. McTaggart explained there are specific actions the UPD takes when a student reports a car burglary. "[The UPD] sends a patrolman, preferably, to the scene," Lt. McTaggart said. "If it just happened, we send everybody to find the suspect, but if not, we meet with the victim and get all the information."

According to Sgt. Jim Procida of the UPD, "[It is] of major importance to have the make, model, and serial number of items (CDs, stereo, cell phones) written down and kept in a safe place. It is important to have this information to give to the

officer taking the report."

With the serial numbers, the UPD can put the items in a database for stolen property. When they encounter someone in possession of suspected stolen property, they can make sure through the database if the item is in fact stolen.

"If we don't have this information, it makes an arrest of the suspect and the recovery of the stolen items very difficult," Procida added.

Lt. McTaggart does advise students to make sure they lock and keep valuables out of their cars. He also recommended putting on a car cover or installing a car alarm.

## Crime

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year. An inflatable pumpkin decoration in the front yard of one of the campus housing apartments was destroyed. The hooligans responsible for this crime are also still walking free.

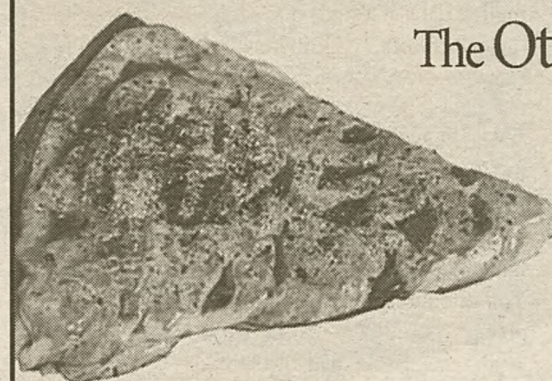
As for Halloween parties, "They are parties just like any other weekend," said McTaggart. None of them have gotten particularly out of hand. The ones that got rowdy were no different than parties any other night where the police are usually there to break them up by midnight.

However, the UPD does take certain

precautions for safety and the preventing of criminal activities. On Halloween night, officers on bicycles patrol the campus housing areas from 5-8 p.m. This gives a chance for the UPD to get more involved in the community, and most importantly it ensures the safety of young trick-or-treaters. The patrol will make sure that everything goes smoothly and no one gets too out of hand.

As for this year's Halloween, a dramatic increase in criminal activity is not expected by the UPD, but this does not give the green light for campus pranksters to get to work.

*not to be cheezy, but...*



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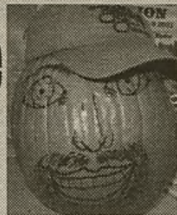
*good food makes good design!*

Late night pizza hours: Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, 8 p.m. - midnight



# S p o r t s

## Uncommon Sense



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Warm up the bandwagon, the Red Sox are back on top.

And it only took 86 years.

So what did it? Was it the pitching? Was it the hitting? Was it the demolition of the Bambino's historic Boston home at the start of the Yankees series?

Every sports fan, sports writer and Joe Schmo with an opinion is going to try and put his finger on the silver bullet that killed the curse. Here's one take. It was about damn time.

Too bad for the Cardinals, you gotta love Tony LaRussa. But how can any team stand up to nearly a century's worth of bitter Boston fans, an organization's date with destiny and the hair of Pedro, Manny and Johnny Damon?

Plus, it's hard not to pull for these guys after they did exactly what Boston pitcher Kurt Schilling said, and made "55,000 people from New York shut up."

So as St. Louis warms up the bus and the Red Sox warm up the parade floats, the nation's perennial fair-weather fans will be warming up the Boston bandwagon. Soon, old school fans won't be distinguishable from people who just found out there was a baseball team from the same town as that tea party from history class.

This week a different kind of history is in the making. And with the ever increasing emphasis put on sports in this country, the Red Sox and the Curse of the Bambino may be a paragraph or two in our grandchildren's textbooks. John Kerry even invokes the Sox in his campaign speeches.

Hey that gives me an idea. Instead of elections, why not let the World Series decide who the next President of the United States is?

If Boston wins then Kerry gets to be President. If St. Louis wins... umm... Tony LaRussa for President?

Come to think of it, I would feel a lot better if LaRussa was running for President. He may not beat Boston, but anyone who can bring championships to Oakland will always get my vote.

## There are no pictures on the scorecard

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With a focus as sharp as the break on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, Grant Haney drives the Otters during their first venture into the uncharted waters of the NCAA Division II.

"People who don't play don't understand you have to really stay focused," Haney said. "Golf tournaments have two rounds, so you're basically there all day."

Haney, a 6-foot-1-inch sophomore from Glendale, Calif., talks about golf with a deep passion that shows. He emphasizes mental focus and preparedness as keys to success on the links.

Unlike other sports where power can play a major factor, Haney believes that the mental part of the game is the most crucial. "People can hit the ball far but can't score. It's all mental, just knowing and hitting the shots you need to hit," said Haney. "There are so many ways to get it done."

Haney explained his favorite aspect of golf is the diverse swings and styles of play among competitors. "There are so many ways to get it done," Haney said.

Haney leaned back in his chair and recalled a quote. "There is a saying that says there are no pictures on the score card, so no matter how you get the score everyone's different in getting it. A three-foot putt is the same as a 300-foot drive."

Haney explains there is never a mistake-free round of golf but players can-

not be afraid to make one. This is what divides the players from the clutch players. "There are so many holes and you just have to stay focused. You can't let the mistakes get to you because you have so many holes and you can always bring it back," Haney said.

Even though players are bound to make mistakes, Haney described a perfect day on the course as playing "a round without a bogey." He added the best feeling in golf "is to visualize shots before you shoot them, and then hitting them."

The men's golf team is coming off one of their best performances of the season, finishing with a tie for fourth at the CSU Bakersfield Invitational.

"We feel confident going into next semester because we finished strong," said Haney.

A serious student of the game, Haney points to his father as a major influence. "My dad played college golf and was an All-American. He always had me playing golf."

Haney has found positive influences since coming to CSUMB as well. According to Haney, senior teammate Jonas Carlswald is "someone who has really influenced me and who I've tried to be more like, not only in golf, but how I take care of my life. One thing he told me is that you have to have everything sound if you want to play good golf, and for every action there is a reaction. He's really helped me grow up and do well."

Legendary pro golfer Bobbi Jones once

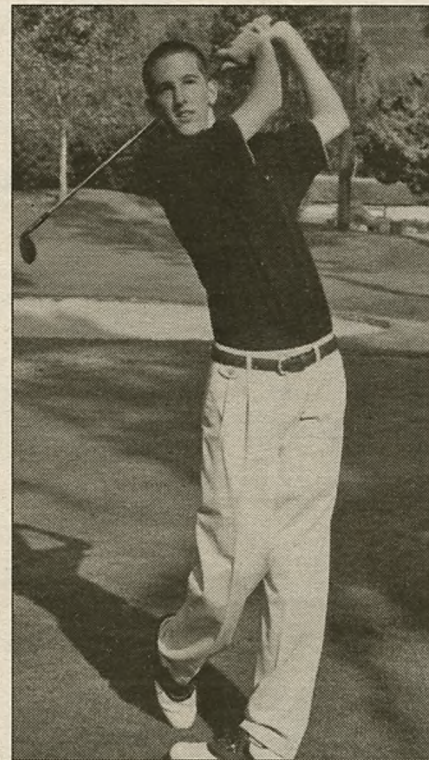


PHOTO PROVIDED BY GRANT HANEY  
Grant Haney follows through on his swing

said that the golf tournament is over before the first tee off. Haney believes this means a player needs the confidence to believe he can win every match before he plays it. "All the good golfers who win tournaments think they are going to win before they get on the course. If you go out there and think you're the best you'll have a leg up on the competition."

## Sports survey reveals frightening stats

By Darrell Eerieshima, Sports Editor  
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The passions of Otter students run strong and deep. The only problem seems to be zeroing in on those passions.

The following is a sports survey of Otter students. The top answers are listed, as well as a few that didn't make the cut.

### Otters' favorite sport

Basketball – 20%  
Baseball/Soccer – 15% Football – 13%

### Otters' most hated pro team

Oakland Raiders – 24%  
NY Yankees – 15% LA Lakers – 10%

### Otters' favorite football team

SF 49ers – 33% Oakland Raiders – 20%  
Dallas Cowboys/SD Chargers – 5%

### ...favorite baseball team

SF Giants – 29% Oakland A's – 13%

LA Dodgers – 9%

### ...favorite basketball team

LA Lakers – 24%  
Sacramento Kings – 15%  
Golden State Warriors – 9%

### ...favorite athlete

Mia Hamm (soccer) – 7%  
Michael Jordan/Kobe Bryant – 5%

### CSUMB's Public Enemy #1

Kobe Bryant – 15%  
Alex Rodriguez/Tiger Woods – 5%  
Notable answer: Every athlete on TV

What do CSUMB students think is scary about sports on Halloween?

### Scariest pro team

Raiders – 44% Yankees – 15%  
Raiders fans – 11%

Notable answer: the Bush Administration

### Best athlete to use as a

### Halloween costume

Dennis Rodman – 25%  
Anna Kournikova – 5%  
Notable answer: Demar Walton (CSUMB basketball, #14 with the fro)

### Athlete that wears the best costume

Dennis Rodman – 29%  
Swimmers – 5%  
Shaquille O'neil/Ben Wallace – 4%

### Scariest sport

Football/Ice hockey – 15%  
Rugby – 13%

Notable answer: Chainsaw juggling

### Scariest athlete

Mike Tyson – 16%  
Dennis Rodman – 13%  
Shaquille O'neil – 11%  
Notable answer: Probably someone juggling chainsaws.



# Sailing team hopes to add members

By Mike Gallows, Staff Reporter  
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The 2004-05 CSUMB sailing team is underway, practicing and hoping for another awesome breezy season.

The fall season is a tune-up for the spring where last year the women's team qualified to compete in Hawaii at the Pacific Coast Championship. This year the team was very lucky to add a new coach, Alexa Bestoso, who was an Honorable Mention when sailing for the Naval Academy.

This year sailing has a women's team, a varsity team and a JV team. In college racing there is both co-ed racing as well as woman's racing. To be considered a women's boat, both members of the crew must be females. In some cases it is sufficient if the skipper is a woman. CSUMB is considered to be a women's sport because it is co-ed. This is the team's third year as a sport at CSUMB.

"Every year we are getting bigger. I am recruiting from the sailing classes and hope to build the team even more. We will also get a sailing club started to get more sailors on the water," said Head Coach Frank Degnan, who is the instructor for the scuba diving class HPWE 280.

"Anyone can come out and participate," added Degnan.



Ren Herring (r) and George Nagata of the CSUMB sailing team float peacefully, unaware of the "monsters" after them.

Megan Comstock and Ren Herring are skippers after showing awesome practice and lots of dedication and skills. The idea in sailing is that they can only use the boat and the wind to sail. This year's team has seven functional operating boats and five teams during competition.

The competition, called a regatta, lasts all weekend and has two varsity races and the JV has

two races with two people in each boat. There are several races each day and sailors are assigned a point value based on how they finish. If they finish first, they get one point and if they finish in 10th place they get 10 points.

At the end of the race, the team with the lowest point total wins. Teams can actually win the regatta without ever winning a single race.

Students who are interested in sailing the gorgeous Monterey Bay, the HPWE department offers beginning sailing (HPWE 151). Degnan recommends that students who are interested in intercollegiate sailing should try these courses, then come try out for the sailing team.

The sailing team's next race is on Nov. 8 and 9 at the Stanford Invitational.

## Athletic Events

To post an event e-mail Darrell Hirashima via First Class

### Friday, Oct. 29

Women's Volleyball 7 p.m.  
Otters vs. Cal State Bakersfield Roadrunners @ OSC

### Saturday, Oct. 30

Women's Volleyball 7 p.m. Otters vs. Cal State San Bernardino Coyotes @ OSC

\*Sanctuary Kayaking 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Take a tour of the Monterey Bay. Includes kayaks, wetsuits, paddles, transportation and guide. \$25/students.

### Wednesday, Nov. 3

\*CPR 6-10 p.m. Learn to save a life. Certification offered through the American Safety and Health Institute. Includes infant and child CPR. Held @ the Outdoor Center. \$15/students.

### Saturday, Nov. 6

\*Pinnacles Trip - Climb and Hike The Pinnacles National Monument is our closest winter playground for hiking and rock climbing. Hike the high peaks trail loop as the path winds through towering formations, then relax under the oak trees at the Pinnacles Campground. \$50/students.

### Wednesday, Nov. 10

Men's Basketball 7:30 p.m.  
Otters vs. Alumni @ OSC.

\*First Aid 6-10 p.m. This course covers the practical skills necessary to provide basic first aid for sudden illness or injury. Certification offered through the American Safety and Health Institute. \$15/students.

### Saturday, Nov. 13

Big Sur Day Hike 10 a.m.-5 p.m. This hike travels through state parkland in Big Sur and gains a few thousand feet in only a couple of miles. \$10/students.

\*For info on these events go to [csumb.edu/adventures](http://csumb.edu/adventures)

## A building season

By Darrell Eerieshima, Sports Editor  
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CSUMB men's soccer has taken the fight to the CCAA with some fancy footwork and some old school hard work.

Coming up with solid wins throughout the season, the Otters have taken a young team into a highly competitive conference and done much better than just "hold their own." At press time the Otters will take on the San Francisco State Gators and try to improve on a loss to the Gators

earlier in the season.

On Oct. 22 CSUMB came through on a chance to improve when they played Chico State to a tie after two overtime periods. Flashy moves from junior forward Daniel Benito and senior defender Jarrett Bower kept the Otters in the driver seat, allowing them to put a previous 4-2 loss to Chico far in the past.

When it comes to the team's progress, the players are quick to point to their coach, Artie Cairel.

"It's all on him (Cairel), his system works," said Bower.

Coach Cairel has sold his team

on the idea that they can set the building blocks for a great tradition in the future, and by all accounts the team is buying in.

"I have really high expectations for the year coming up," said junior goalkeeper Robert Arteaga.

Even though CSUMB is ineligible for any postseason honors, don't tell men's soccer because they have been taking it to the competition like they have every thing to lose. The unselfishness of each player can be measured by the way they all give the nod to their coach as the key to their success.

"He (Cairel) pushes hard, but he earns all of our respect," added Arteaga

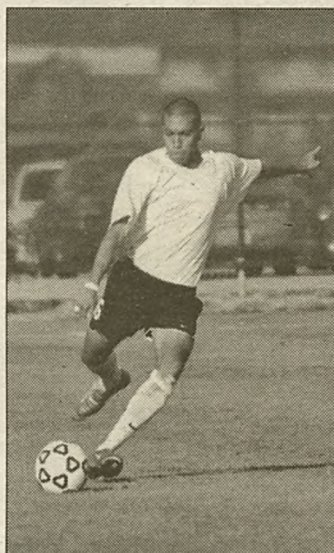


PHOTO BY CHAD GHOU

Stephen Lopez keeps his eye on the ball



# Skate or die... or just ride by the rules

By Uncle Fester Lamcke, Staff Reporter  
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From the occasional but often, "Hey, out of the way," to the familiar sound of rubber wheels on concrete, skateboarding seems to be a universal language on this campus.

Covering alternative sports, it's pretty hard to forget skateboarding, the epitome of underground sports. Just like in any alternative sport, there are bound to be those who challenge the status quo. Why else would it be called alternative?

**"I encourage all those young skaters out there to keep skating and keep building ramps of their own to challenge those laws that keep us down."**

—LUNCHBOX

There is a special breed of skateboarder who only partially agrees with the laws surrounding his sport. For instance: the type of skateboarder who would build a ramp in his apartment as retaliation



Grinding across the coping

PHOTOS BY CHAD GHOUL

tion to a restrictive system. These people will be given pseudonyms for the purposes of this article.

"We got kicked out of everywhere else for not having pads or helmets on, so we decided to put a ramp in our house," said a CSUMB student who will be affectionately dubbed "Lunchbox." According to Lunchbox, the rules surrounding skateboard laws have a fine line between tricks and transportation.

"We built it (the ramp) because it's what we wanted to do, and who's gonna stop us!" Proclaimed Lunchbox's roommate and ramp

building partner known only as the anonymous muralist

"I think that all universities should open skate parks," commented Lunchbox. "They spend so much money trying to upgrade and fix stuff that skateboarders do, they could put that money into something useful."

Lunchbox also said some cities have installed anti-skater safeguards. The "no skating" signs have replaced cops who have better things to do than hassle skaters. "I've never been arrested but I have been cuffed a couple times,"



The anonymous muralist pulls off a blunt stall in the confines of his apartment.

said Lunchbox. "They never did anything, just trying to scare me and search my backpack."

CSUMB is one of the few college campuses that allow skateboarding on campus for transportation, and students take full advantage of this unique liberty.

"Skateboarding is a great tool because I don't have to find parking on campus, I save gas, and people get out of my way," said an ITCD junior who went by the handle "Boy-go-big." He added that he isn't into the tricks but is grateful CSUMB allows skateboarders the freedom to ride their decks between classes.

If skaters want to do more than just go from point A to B, and don't want to build their own rebel ramp, there are numerous skate parks on the Monterey Peninsula to choose from. Marina, Monterey, and Salinas all have

up-to-date, concrete parks.

If that's not enough for the rebel skater within, building a mini-ramp costs minimal dollars. With a sheet of plywood and a few 2 x 4s, any type of ramp can be constructed. More instruction can be found on numerous Web sites or books including "Ramp Plans" and best-buildskateramp.tripod.com.

Skateboarding for beginners can be a challenge; the balance and skill required to master tricks is obviously harder than just trying to get around. There are short boards and long boards and everything in between. It's important for a beginner to find the board that suits his or her taste.

"I encourage all those young skaters out there to keep skating and keep building ramps of their own to challenge those laws that keep us down," stated Lunchbox defiantly.



Lunchbox (right) posts up on his homemade mini-ramp with the anonymous muralist who created the art on the wall.





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The cast for "Rocky Horror Picture Show," decked out in, well, not much but lingerie, rehearses one of the last dance sequences from the film (above and right). The cast gathers and reveals a hint of the outlandish costumes throughout the show (below).



## 'Rocky' calls for all creatures of the night

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The "Rocky Horror" cast is urging for heavy petting on Oct. 29 for a one-night performance at the BBC.

Although Jaylene Appelbaum and Camille Walker have the whole cast for "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," only seven of the 13 cast members are CSUMB students. The students participating are: Daniel Vidrio, Roger Tanioka, Michelle Vallentyne, J. Christopher Washburn-Moore, Robert LaLonde-Berg, Jennifer Solis and Jillian Halliwell.

Vidrio, a TAT junior, will transform himself into the sex-craving, corset wearing, Dr. Frank-N-Furter, the sweet transvestite from the planet Transsexual.

"I feel that some qualities of myself can be found within the character of Frank, but I would say that I am not Frank. I am simply playing a character. That does not mean that I will not fully put myself into the character," said Vidrio via e-mail.

The costumes will consist of sheer slips, brassieres, corsets, garter belts, and tightie-whites.

The show carries a high sexual mood where actors must get very close physically to be able to capture the moments in "Rocky Horror."

The cast is ready for all "Creatures of the Night." Those audience members who are a little more on the extroverted side of the sexual scope are encouraged to break out their own lingerie and garter belts for the show.





# Undiscovered mysteries of Fort Ord's past

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As the bus driver on the Secrets of Fort Ord tour passes by the dreary barracks, he tells guests the area might have been haunted for decades. Since CSUMB is built on an old army base, it might be an eligible place for ghosts. Legend has it soldiers who passed away in the battlegrounds tend to come back to their headquarters after death.

According to [www.undiscoveredmysteries.com](http://www.undiscoveredmysteries.com), students have heard disembodied breathing or voices at night. The old army prison is said to be haunted as well.

The military officials are suspected of hiding UFOs or any other paranormal phenomenon in secret. According to [ufopi.freehomepage.com](http://ufopi.freehomepage.com), the case of multiple abductions involves 221 United States Army troops at Fort Ord in 1961.

The same site suggested the

aliens kept collective mind of the military under their spell and control to prevent leaking their secret information to the public; "Soldiers were out on exercise when one or more craft descended and abducted them... Some of the troops looked up and saw the disks flying away and vomited, which indicates programmed response inserted by aliens... As the troops were coming out of the daze, approximately 600 fresh troops from Fort Ord descended on them and sequestered them and their families for a period of time."

As to the ghosts, The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association refused to discuss any presence of dead in the area, which seems also suspicious. John McKetchen, head of the Fort Ord Alumni Association, said, "Just a few weeks ago, we led the investigation among the officers and no one admitted any sort of ghostly experience."

Some faculty members who used to live in Schoonover Park

disagree. Dr. Herbert Martin, a LS professor, moved his family out of Schoonover. A month after the move, his old neighbors continued to hear moving of furniture, bumping around and saw lights on in the empty apartment.

"My neighbor was shocked when I met him about a month later," Martin said. "He said that he and his wife have been 'hearing us' up until that day! I do believe, and believed before that, that this campus is haunted."

Adam Joseph, an HCOM junior, was unaware of seeing a ghost when he took a couple of night photos of the dilapidated Doughboy Theater.

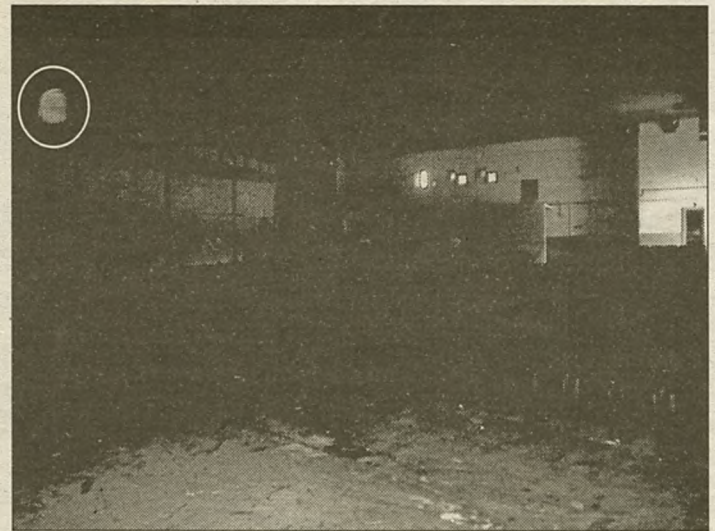
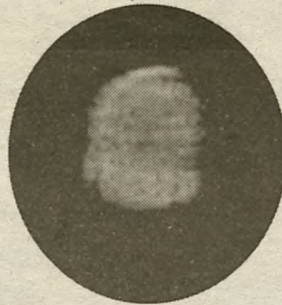


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This photo, taken inside the Doughboy Theater, shows Joseph's "ghost face."

Looking at the image on the computer, Adam noticed a new element - a light spot. He zoomed in on the light and sharply discerned a weird face. He tried to remove it through his photo editing software, which normally catches all reflections and glare from a flashlight. The face didn't disappear.

"I got this bizarre, creepy feel-

ing. If I saw the face that day staying at the theater, I'd shit in my pants," Joseph said.

As it becomes obvious, the apparitions seem to be elusive, nocturnal "creatures" that are reluctant to show their faces. Does this mean that this should prevent us from observing solitary places and abandoned buildings?

## The Naked Otter

### It's a group thing...

Gather 'round the fire and dispel your robes. The time has come to participate in ritual group sex, feasting and then mass suicide. The Naked Otter has

decided to start her own multi-species, hedonistic sex cult.

On All Hallows Eve we meet in the parking lot next to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and then go onto the beach to make a bonfire

around which some of us will spread our seed freely, holding our female mate's head in our jaws as we copulate.

These polygamous love fests are commonplace for the innately sexual beings that otters are and seldom end in death. The most any male sea otter does is splash around and make aggressive noises, which is far from

mixing arsenic into someone's punch.

For humans however, sex cults nearly always end in tragedy and just as frequently begin with one deranged person bent on reaching spiritual enlightenment through abnormal sexual activity and ultimately suicide or murder.

**Passwords and robes, golden masks with bejeweled accents and, most importantly, naked people doing the nasty in front of everyone else, really adds a certain charm and mystique to the arena of just plain old boring group sex.**

As in the 1999 Kubrick film starring Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise, "Eyes Wide Shut," in which Cruise infiltrates a sexual cult for affluent and anonymous New Yorkers and narrowly escapes with his life after a nude female member of the

cult offers to take his place and ends up dead shortly after.

Besides the death and doom of sex cults, the cloak and dagger ritual is awfully enticing.

Passwords and robes, golden masks with bejeweled accents and, most importantly, naked people doing the nasty in front of everyone else, really adds a certain charm and mystique to the arena of just plain old boring group sex.

Many of these sex cults, whose roots are decidedly Pagan, cultivate their sexual energy on Halloween night, or Samhain to use the witches' vernacular, and since Halloween is well at hand, this sexually charged sea mammal suggests that everyone be on the lookout for any attractive cult members carrying torches into the barren areas of Fort Ord.

A word to the wise: think carefully before joining their naked revelry, the price you pay may be your masked remains discovered in the morning.

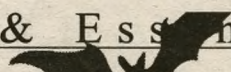
Be Serene,  
The Naked Otter



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This still from "Eyes Wide Shut" shows a cult group ready to participate in an orgy.





## A Short Story *Finding Home*

### Part 1

By Addam's Family Joseph, Staff Reporter

I feared my soul would dry up if I didn't seek out greener grass on other sides of fences that didn't face barren dirt and tumbleweed. I was leaving on the 5:10 Greyhound out of San Bernardino. I arrived at the bus station a few hours earlier just to sit and make sure that there was no chance of being left behind in that desolate affair. I had a medium sized duffle and a backpack with an L-shaped tear over my right shoulder.

"I used to have a lot more than this," I thought to myself. I couldn't quite remember where the rest was. Maybe I'd given it away or it was just scattered over another reason why I needed to go.

"How can I help you today, sir?" The ticket teller asked through the 27-inch thick bulletproof ticket window.

"One, one way ticket for the 5:10 to San Francisco," I said.

"For only 14 dollars more I can give you a round-trip," she said.

"I won't be returning," I said as I slid two twenties under the ticket window.

"...37.50, please."

I took my ticket and change and slid my bag to a nearby bench and dropped my backpack down onto the floor. I sat next to a plain looking middle-aged woman. I noticed she didn't wear make-up, trying to cover the age that had worn her

face out, tired. She was naturally kind of an attractive woman. She had shoulder length dark hair, parted in a very simple manner to one side, with bobby pins holding the part in place.

I felt her take a few glances in my direction. I fought the urge to glance back at her. I didn't want to get caught in one of those awkward situations when you try to look at somebody and by coincidence they are looking in your direction. Then you have to pretend as if you weren't going to look at that person but something else in that same direction. But in my case besides the woman, there was only a brown trashcan and "no-smoking" sign hanging from a grubby yellow wall. I leaned back slightly and tried to grab an inconspicuous view from the side of my eye. At that moment, she arose abruptly and stood in front of me.

"Excuse me. I was wondering if you'd watch my bag while I use the restroom?" The woman said in an evident, German accent.

"No problem," I said, taking a nice long look at the woman.

She wore inexpensive looking tight jeans, a white tee shirt with an emerald sequin butterfly and a pair of black imitation leather boots that had pointed tips. Her clothes made me feel a remarkable sadness for her. I didn't know why, but I felt attracted to her in a pitifully feeble way. Her small gray, canvas bag sat next to me enclosed with treasures and mysteries that no man could begin to imagine. I waited for the squeaking of the restroom door to open. Soon enough the woman emerged from the door, leaving a trail of a meek rose fragrance.

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Read part 2 of "Finding Home" in the next issue!

## Mask sales may predict future

By Matthew Frankenfox, News Editor

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They're neck and neck! It's Bush by a nose! Wait, no! It's Kerry by a chin!

During the political season there are always so many polls on TV and in newspapers they are everywhere. How can anyone tell which one is accurate? Some say Bush is in the lead while others assert that Kerry is. Who would have ever guessed that the answer to this pesky question could be found in...Halloween masks?

A blurb printed in the economist last month showed that sales of Halloween masks have actually accurately predicted the results of the last six elections. That means

whichever candidate sold more Halloween masks won. This trend reaches back to Ronald Reagan's first victory in 1980.

According to the article "Buyseasons, a costume company, sales of Bush Halloween masks are outselling Kerry masks by 57 percent to 43 percent." Couldn't it just mean Bush is scarier?

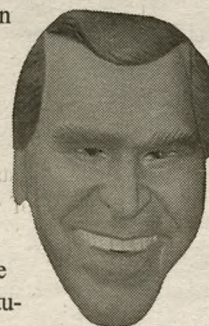
The accuracy of this Halloween mask theory isn't exactly worth believing in entirety, seeing how some people still believe that Gore actu-

ally won the last election.

There are other ways to decipher who will win the presidency as well.

Some people believe that the results from the Nickelodeon show "Kids Pick the President" is an accurate way to see who the next president will be. Supposedly kid's votes are an accurate representation of their parent's votes.

Until then the Halloween masks speak for Bush.



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# The *Realm* reveals the psychology of costumes

## Costume choices provide revealing hints about the subconscious

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Reflections of hollowed Jack-o-lantern faces and flickering lights dance off a skin tight red vinyl jumpsuit and matching boots. With a crimson scepter in her hand and devilish grin possessing her lips, a young woman's body is lead by the small horns atop her painted face.

The girls in the loosely fitting ladybug costumes and droopy antennae think she's a tramp, but perhaps the lady imitating the Morning Star has more than scandal behind her bodysuit.

"The most emotionally intense color, red, stimulates a faster heartbeat and breathing," according to infoplease.com. Perhaps the girl with the red boots on is a thrill seeker and a daredevil, besides being a she-devil.

"They're just trying to express what they want to be perceived as," said Joseph Bravo, a Business junior. "If some guy wants to show off his muscles, he'll be Conan or something."

Like a truth serum in a movie, Halloween costumes are manifestations of people's innermost desires and a reflection of their true selves.

The man who dons the cop uniform on Halloween has control issues; the woman who wears the ballerina outfit to her job's Halloween party never had the chance to take ballet when she was nine and the teenage girl who dresses like a Playboy bunny, well, her parents might have some explaining to do.

Wendy Fernandez, a sophomore Business major, thinks that the economic principle of supply and demand is the explanation for why an overwhelming num-

ber of young girls brave the brisk October night in skimpy, little costumes every year.

"That's what they think guys are attracted to," said Fernandez. "They're marketed towards guys. To feed the sexual desires of men."

*"I think it's cool if you can be slutty but be creative about being slutty."*

—KATHLEENA RAMIREZ

The online costume and lingerie store Trashy.com, whose home base is in Los Angeles, sells a daunting variety of nearly 400 different sexy costumes guaranteed to "put the fire back into your Halloween," according to the Web site.

According to Skip O'Towne,

Trashy Lingerie's store manager, the best selling costumes of 2004 have been the "Vampire Dress," "Soda Pop Girl" and "Pirate Set." An equally popular costume at the store is the "Strawberry Girl," which looks like a XXX version of Strawberry Shortcake.

O'Towne's rationale for the popularity of these costumes is simply that "they fit well," and that they are "fancier" than most costumes. At prices up to \$350.00, they had better be.

According to Bravo, who doesn't "really dress up," college girls who do choose to go cruising parties in an ass-high skirt and nipple-low top combination are "insecure about themselves."

"Those girls that wear those slutty costumes are trying to bring attention to themselves," he said.

"I think it's cool if you can be slutty but be creative about being slutty," said Kathleena Ramirez,

an SBS/Spanish sophomore who thinks that young girls use Halloween as an outlet for pent up sexuality.

"I guess they feel like it's the one time they can dress slutty and not feel bad about it," said Ramirez.

Not everyone will leave his or her underwear and inhibitions at home on Halloween night. College students have also been known to wear completely asexual costumes for the sake of comic relief in an onslaught of sexually charged garments.

"Dorky costumes are cool because those people show no fear," said Ramirez. "That's kind of funny because they're not afraid of being dorky, plus they don't care what people think."

Whether otters dress as nuns or nurses, Halloween of 2004 is sure to be true to CSUMB's form in that one can be sure the costumes will be diverse.

## white

"Brides wear white to symbolize innocence and purity. White reflects light and is considered a summer color," according to infoplease.com. Costumes like nurse outfits, angels and brides are all primarily white and subconsciously evoke feelings of kindness and goodness in the viewer and the wearer.



## Primary colors:

Some of the most popular female costumes and what their elemental colors mean.

## black

"Black is the color of authority and power. Some fashion experts say a woman wearing black implies submission to men. Black outfits can also be overpowering, or make the wearer seem aloof or evil," according to infoplease.com. The French maid costume is a perfect example of how black is subliminally submissive.



## red

"Red clothing gets noticed and makes the wearer appear heavier. Since it is an extreme color, red clothing might not help people in negotiations or confrontations," according to infoplease.com. Red is the ideal color for bringing out the beast in man.



## blue

"Peaceful, tranquil blue causes the body to produce calming chemicals, so it is often used in bedrooms. Fashion consultants recommend wearing blue to job interviews because it symbolizes loyalty," according to infoplease.com. Superman and his skin-tight suit symbolize loyalty to passersby.



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# No money? No worries!

## Cheap costumes can still be found

By Paul Wet-ter-pants, Staff Reporter  
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When generic costumes bore, imagination looms inside a thrift store.

It's Halloween and time to be original. Costume stores can un-inspire geniuses. If

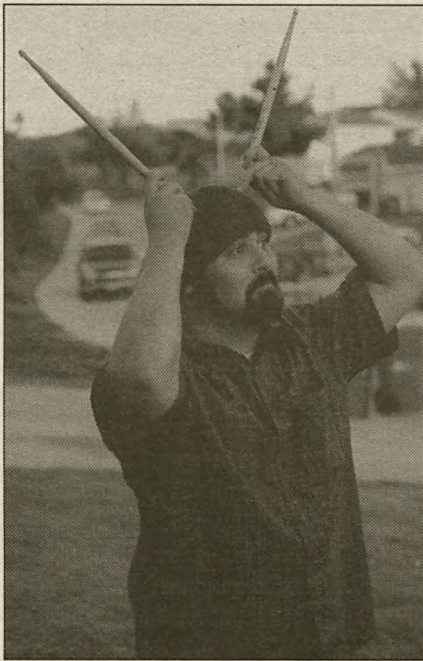


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Robert Peck shows just how easy it is to come up with a cheap costume. What is he? Duh! An alien!

being creative reigns on to-do lists, snub the costume packaged in plastic and repeat after me, "One's trash is another's treasure."

"Nothing is original in those Halloween stores. The Goodwill is a great place for costumes," said Jordan Hitt, an SBS senior. "This year I want to be a pirate; this way I can stagger around spilling wine and beer all over myself."

On Oct. 31, she can walk into walls, swipe a mug of ale from a neighboring wench and shout, "RRR!"

Scheduled CSUMB apartment parties await revelers with unique costumes. When masses mingle under the mist of sweat and smoke, they'll feel like sick sardines in cans.

Humans are said to wear masks every-day of the year. On this holiday, people can be what they want.

Jacob Pickering-Esquivel, HCOM alumni said, "I plan to be a horse with an accentuated body part. I don't want to say what body part it is, since it's the school's newspaper." Don't be surprised when a figure gallops into a dimly lit house to sway his hips.

Gidee-up! Is there a better night to be a horse with an accentuated body part? Don't start listing a bunch of places with live dancers, either. Just ride to parties with some sense.

"Being Condom Girl was pretty cheap. We stapled condoms onto our belts and carried purses with condoms inside them.

Then we passed them out to promote safe sex," said Katy Murphy, a Business senior.

If time's running out and ideas for a costume have fled, don't despair.

"If you need a really simple costume, grab white bed sheets and something warm to wear underneath. Rip sheets into separate pieces, wrap them around your body, and use safety pins to tie the ends. It will take about three hours, but it's worth it. After you start walking around, you'll unravel. You keep having to wrap yourself all night," said Pickering-Esquivel, who did some staggering and mumbling last Halloween.

Moans from the bathroom reverberated through his hallway. The sounds created sent chills up the spines of the partygoers.

For students who want to save some bed sheets, there are other options.

"I'll probably just go to a used clothing store," said Alex Hofmann, an ESSP senior.

No matter how empty students' pockets are, a creative costume can still be had with a little imagination. Besides, the funniest ones never come out of those plastic bags from the local Halloween store.

bowl, pizza included, for \$49.95 from 4-6 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 30, Fright Night will take over, with "Galactic Bowling" and a costume contest from 9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. The cost is \$21 for the night, shoes included.

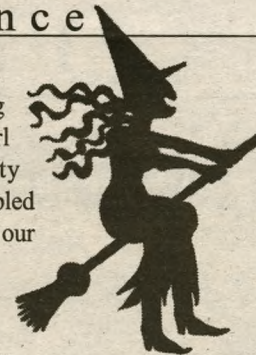
For parents looking for a safer place to trick-or-treat, visit the Barnyard in Carmel, where kids can go store-to-store for a candy treat.

Another family-oriented event will take place in the East Campus Housing. The Frederick Park Annual Harvest Festival will take place on Oct. 31 at the Saratoga Community Center. All ages are welcome for games, candy, prizes, costumes and a bounce house.

If this is all a little too close to home, make a trip over to downtown Santa Cruz to witness a chaotic gathering of the area's helions strolling (or staggering) up and down Pacific Avenue on the night of Halloween.

For an even more insane adventure for those who don't mind a little gridlock, visit San Francisco's Castro District where, according to city police estimates, somewhere between 3-500,000 of the area's closest friends congregate for the unruly festivities.

And who knows? Maybe the man in the oversized boobs will grace the streets again.



## The Low Down

To post an event, please e-mail  
Michelle Burke via FirstClass.

### Thursday, Oct. 28

Costume Contest. First, second and third place costumes take home prizes! 9 p.m. World Theater. Contact OSHA via FirstClass.

Get Scary for Kerry! Show Kerry pride with games, candy and local band Last Night. Kerry gear will be available. 9-12 p.m. Student Center.

### Friday, Oct. 29

"Rocky Horror Picture Show." Come dressed in corsets and fishnets for the live performance against the backdrop of the film projected on screen. Band plays at 9 p.m. Virgin sacrifices at 10:30. Show starts at 11 p.m. BBC. Free admission. Contact Jaylene Appelbaum via FirstClass.

### Monday, Nov. 1

Day of the Dead 2004. Join VPA for the celebration with live music, dancers, decorative altars and the Wall of Remembrance. 5:30 p.m. at the Music Hall and 6 p.m. at the UC. Free admission. Contact VPA at 582-4337.

### Tuesday, Nov. 2

State of the Nation Exhibit. A response to current issues by VPA 304 painting and mural class. View installations at VPA, Library, BBC and Student Center.

### Friday, Nov. 5

Salinas Hardcore. Local hardcore bands play at the BBC. 6-10:30 p.m. Contact Jennifer Burfeind via FirstClass.

Alumni Bowling Night. Two games, shoe rental and free appetizers. Prizes for highest combined score. 7-9 p.m. Monterey Lanes. \$10 current alumni members; \$13 guests. Call 582-GRAD.

### Thursday, Nov. 11

Lecture Demonstration featuring Alegria. 10 a.m. Music Hall. Contact MPA for more info.

### Nov. 12-14 & 16-17

"Emma." TAT Fall production of the play about Emma Goldman, advocate for anarchism, women's rights and labor. Evening shows: 8 p.m. Matinees: 2 p.m. World Theater. \$5 CSUMB students; \$8 faculty; \$10 general admission. Contact Rebecca Pena via FirstClass.

# Halloween hangouts to rise from a Sunday slumber

By Medusa Burke, A&E Editor  
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There's a man covered in five-foot breasts? Where?!

That's right! It's Halloween and time for crazy costumed freaks to come out of the woodwork (as if they needed an excuse) and walk the streets of Monterey County. Regardless of age or wallet size, there are plenty of options for everyone to partake in the festivities.

For those over 21 years, The Mucky Duck will host a Halloween Party and costume contest with prizes awarded to the top three costumes on Oct. 31. With drink specials, The Corona Girls and Jager Girls will visit to perk things up a bit.

Just down the street, Club Octane will be partying all weekend long. According to an employee, Friday's event will feature the Fourth Annual Exotic Erotic Ball. Those

who come dressed in their sexy best are welcome to stay an extra hour after closing until 3 a.m. On Saturday, Octane will host a Pimp and Ho Ball. On Halloween, they'll host a costume party and contest with prizes. All events are for ages 21 and up.

Believe it or not, not everything in the area requires that golden drinking age. On the home front, the band Kung Fu Vampire will play at the BBC on Oct. 30 even with the unfortunate cancellation of the annual Haunted House.

That's not to say there won't be any "haunted" buildings this year for students to visit. The five different areas of the residential halls (Areas 1-4 and North Quad) are having a Haunted Halls contest; a pizza party will be given to the dorm with the spookiest decorations.

For those with young'uns in tow, Monterey Lanes will host a costume contest for kids on Oct. 31. Groups of up to six people can



# Opinion

## Dracula votes for Bush

By Count Dracula

I Vant to suck your blood, muah uh uh uh Muahahahahahahaaaaa. Vut am I talking about? I am such a batty brain sometimes. What I meant to say was, I vant to cut your taxes Muahahahahahahaaaaa.

Bush is going to do some more fixing with the economy if he wins the presidency. In Transylvania we haven't had any major parties like we used to lately, election years can be so boring. Not that we can't afford to party every single freaking night from here to the next million millenniums, but we just don't have anything to really party about. If we aren't sucking the life force out these measly humans that inhabit this deplorable speck of dirt called the earth what is there to celebrate?

Alas' this is why all the batty brains like myself need to come out of their caves on Nov. 2, in the evening of course, to re-elect our wonderful president Count Bush. His track record is outstanding! Look how he greedily twists and grapples the life out of nearly everyone in America.

His tax cuts destroyed government spending on the poor and middle class, and made the richest even richer. He did all of this while expanding America's deficit more than ever before.

It is incredible to watch a vampire genius

at work. America sucks the life out of all the other countries of the world, and the upper class of America sucks the life out of the lower and middle class of America. It is working better than ever before! All we need is a few votes for our Battmeister Bush and we will be more on top than ever before. MUAHAHAHAHAHAHA.

My favorite part of his presidency was the no child left behind act. Little does the American population know that the no child left behind was just a front? It looks like it works on the papers because of one tiny secret. All the children who were left behind were EATEN. Their little bodies are tasty morsels to vampires like myself.

The rape and pillaging of Iraq was also another great highlight. Somehow Bush convinced American's that Iraq was somehow responsible for the destruction of the world trade centers. Us vampires had a field day in Iraq sucking the life out of Saddam's measly empire. We now have a few vacation zones we like to visit in Baghdad.

Anyways Bush has turned this country into a vampires dream, it's just like that Smashing Pumpkins song that goes. Dun nuh Dun nuh, the world is a vampire, sent to draiiiiiaaiiaaii.



## Wolfman votes for Kerry

By Wolfman

John Kerry is the candidate we werewolves have been waiting for years for. Hey, if we can't get one of us in the White House, we might as well have a Pres with werewolf tendencies, right?

Kerry's critics like to call him a flip-flopper, but he doesn't flip-flop. He just can't resist the power of the conservative middle whenever they ascend into the horizon. I have similar issues with a certain monthly lunar occurrence. I'm normally a gentle, caring guy, but when I see a full moon I transform into a blood-thirsty monster.

So watching Kerry play the compassionate liberal, concerned with health care and jobs, and then turn around and declare he will hunt down the terrorists and kill them wherever they hide makes me think, 'Hey this guy is just like me.'

So you see, it's not that Kerry flips or flops; it's just that there are two John Kerrys. One Kerry for the waning and waxing liberal base, and one for the full moon that is the conservative fringe.

Some spin that as a weakness, but for us werewolves, it makes us think we might have a Pres who actually understands the issues we go through. Watching Kerry's conservative fur and claws come out every time terrorism and gun control are mentioned is the next best thing to having an actual wolfman in office.

Another thing that got me on his side was watching Kerry out there slaughtering geese the other day. Again I realized, 'Hey, this guy is just like me.' He enjoys the occasional hunt now and then, and that is just the kind of pastime I really appreciate.

You know, I used to like that G.W. guy. On vacation all the time, and when he was on the job he was out to lunch. It was the perfect atmosphere for me to conduct my monthly "transformations" and go about my business. Now if

I try to climb to the top of a bridge or a building to let out a good, long, "hair standing up on your neck" kind of howl, everyone starts calling in terrorist threat warnings to the FBI. I don't need the Feds on me. I've already got enough trouble with all those damn Van Helsing wannabes after my ass.

So that's why werewolves are giving their votes to John Kerry for President. We feel he has our

best interests at heart and he most reminds us of ourselves. That's why most people are choosing Bush. They say Bush always sticks to his guns when he makes a decision. I've seen stubborn six-year-olds pull off the same thing, and I wasn't very impressed then either.

Dracula is going to try and swing readers towards the Bush side, but don't listen to him. That guy's a dick.



## What's wrong with race and sex based clubs at CSUMB?

By Jesse Folsom

Here at CSUMB there are five clubs based on ethnicity, sex, or sexual orientation. Each has money available to them of \$10,000 a year or more, based on the funding bylaws of the inter-club council. Up to \$50,000 a year is spent on these clubs that focus on categories generally considered inherent and unalterable in people.

Shouldn't we focus on being colorblind in our policy, instead of funding clubs emphasizing meaningless differences between us?

A club for women, blacks, homosexuals or Hispanics is discriminatory against those who should be as protected as much as these groups. Men, whites, Asians, and heterosexuals should not need to help pay for clubs that are not and cannot be inclusive of them, whether or not that club's policy

says they could attend.

Would women, blacks, or homosexuals feel comfortable in a white male heterosexual club? The answer is no, and there should not be a white male heterosexual club. Nor should those other clubs exist.

As a particularly galling example of an actually racist group on CSUMB, let's take a look at M.E.Ch.A. One of the slogans on their Web site is "Por La Raza todo. Fuera de La Raza nada." For those who don't speak Spanish, this means, "For the Race all. Outside of the Race nothing."

Raza, meaning race, is a word that appears frequently in their Web site. It is literally a racist organization. It is a seditious organization, believing that the only way for Hispanics to be free is to throw off the American government and form a new

Chicano nation, "A nation autonomous and free - culturally, socially, economically and politically," a nation based on race.

Is this the multicultural ideal that CSUMB endorses?

Just because a group is not focused on white male heterosexuals does not mean it can't be discriminatory. Some say white male heterosexuals don't have a group because we don't need one; everything else emphasizes our power and wealth. In their minds, I and those like me are the oppressors.

Well, take a look at some of the events being held on campus, funded by the university, such as "Value Your Vagina" or "National Coming Out Day," things that celebrate what heterosexual males are not and can never be. Why, therefore, should our fees go to pay for these events and clubs that we will never and could never

truly be included in?

Funding should be cut for all such discriminatory clubs at CSUMB. If nothing else, everyone should visit the CSUMB M.E.Ch.A. Web site and see what kinds of groups this university is willing to pay with your money.

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## Editorial: The separation of Church and State needs to stay

The separation of Church and State is a widely controversial issue among Americans, and has been since the ratification of the U.S. Constitution in 1789. The views on Church and State issues are different throughout the country; yet the majority, including the *Realm* seems to be for the separation.

The complete separation between Church and State basically means all religious activities, no matter how big or small, should be left up to the individual to do in private or in church without the government intervening.

The purpose of the separation of Church and State is to protect people from the First Amendment clause referring to freedom of speech. Not only do people have a right to believe and say what they want to, but people also have the right not to be subjected to the beliefs of others.

Church and State separation stands as one of the foundations of this nation. As a result, Americans enjoy the incomparable religious independence and nurture one of the most critical religious communities in the world. This separation guarantees one the liberty to worship or not to worship as he or she desires. That is what America stands for: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The *Realm* feels the Bush administration is crossing the line between church and state because it wants to give more federal money to religious organizations. Bush's plan would allow more religious groups to compete for government money to provide social services, as long as their services are available to anybody in need.

So Bush is going to monitor all of these organizations' spending habits? Right.

Senator John Kerry stands firmly for the clause in the Constitution against the establishment of religion. "I am wary of any direct funding of religious organizations by the federal government without constitutional safeguards and protections, such as ensuring that government funding is not used for proselytizing," Kerry wrote in a statement posted on <http://atheism.about.com/>.

"All through our history we have drawn that line," Kerry said in an interview by AP writer Kate McCann. "And I will continue to draw that line." Kerry says his religious beliefs are important to him personally but would not interfere with his presidential policies.

Why is the line separating Church and State getting more and more blurred? Our forefa-

thers wanted a clear line, why the need to fix something that isn't broken? Praying is fine, but is doesn't belong in the classroom. Nor do postings of the Ten Commandments in court buildings.

It isn't the government's job or responsibility to provide a religious education to kids. That is for the parent to do.

The "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance is a clear example of the government subjecting all U.S. children to some sort of religion when they are expected to say it before class in school.

The U.S. government did not want to follow in England's footsteps and have a state church. They wrote part of the First Amendment with freedom of religion in mind. They wanted people to have the right to believe in or not believe in whatever they wanted.

The government isn't saying one's beliefs are not permitted or that one cannot pray whenever desired. Just that people should have enough respect to not

force their fellow classmates and teachers to participate.

With all of the Supreme Court rulings for the separation between Church and State, it is a wonder why the topic is still so controversial.

Over and over again, America has to deal with these issues, but the thing is, the Supreme Court and the fathers of this country want/ed it a certain way. Things are this way for a reason and they are okay, so stop messing with it.

There are so many differing morals and beliefs in today's society. Everyone in the US has the right to believe in anything they wish without having to see the Ten Commandments in their classrooms or recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

when they do not believe in a Christian God or any other god for that matter.

These things force religious values and customs on those who do not share the same beliefs. Religion, of all kinds, should not be public; it is a personal issue that should not be forced upon anyone under any circumstances.

Everyone has the right to believe in whatever they want to believe in, even if it means not believing in anything at all. The United States needs to be accepting of all the different beliefs, morals, religions, and values present in today's society. That is what makes this country so great, this huge melting pot of cultures and ethnicities and its religions and values.

### Otter Oops

- In our October 14 issue, The Otter Realm misspelled Rachel Vizcarra's name.
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# An enduring adoration for life and the stage

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After Shanell Nieves, an HCOM senior, was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy at age 12, broke her femur at 16, and could no longer walk, she was afraid she wouldn't be able to play Shakespeare's Juliet on stage.

Nieves remembered her mom saying, "Don't feel sorry for yourself. Life is like a roller coaster. Just wait for your turn."

Nieves dreamt about acting since the times she and her little brother frolicked around putting on adult clothes and parroting grown-ups.

Three years ago, Nieves moved from Lompoc to the CSUMB facility dorm, leaving her caring family behind. "I was nervous, but wanted badly to be independent," Nieves said.

Her first small role on the university's stage left her in disbelief, but gave her self-confidence. The second role launched her spirit to seventh heaven.

"My first role was Anna Marie in 'Talking With,'" said Nieves.



Nieves (r) poses as her character, Anna Marie, with a castmate from 'Talking With.'

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"a nine women monologue play. The second was as Persephone in 'Palaroid Stories.' My third

role was Isabelle Allende in 'Paula.' I also just got cast in 'The Vagina Monologues.'"

"I realized that this is my life and I can't live without an audience, the special give and take relation-

ships," Nieves explained.

She has earned three major roles at CSUMB's World Theater. She has played a famous Chilean mother, Isabelle Allende, in "Paula." But her favorite role was the Queen of the Dead, Persephone, in "Polaroid Stories."

"The challenge was to play a witch when I am not tough at all. But my cast partner told me that I managed to scare her to death," Nieves said about her character.

Her huge almond eyes are radiant with desire to help. "Nieves is the best advocate for any student," said Jackie Mills, the office manager of Student Disability Resources (SDR) where Nieves works as a receptionist.

Nieves is overflowing with anticipation of her coming wedding. "I only see love in his eyes and I dream to look in them forever," she said about her fiancé.

Nieves added with pride, "No matter how my life will turn out, I will always perform, even on the corner of the street, just for a few passers-by."

## Person On Campus

### What were you for Halloween as a kid?

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**Karly Edwards**  
SENIOR - GLOBAL STUDIES

"I was a princess every year... not very imaginative, but one time I did manage to mix things up a little and became a 'Fairy Princess'."

**Eileen Lewis**  
3RD YEAR - UNDECLARED

"I always liked being a rave girl... with crazy colors and lots of stuff that shines... oh you wanted a Halloween costume, well that's a little harder."



**Alex Bodine**  
2ND YEAR - UNDECLARED

"Halloween was always a little sad for me, I wanted to be a ninja but every time I up the costume it would rip... its hard being the tallest kid in the class."

**Kelley Smith**  
4TH YEAR - BUSINESS

"I was a 'My Little Pony' one year. Well not really a My Little Pony, more a girl in pink with pigtails, and a tail... with a My Little Pony."



**Shawn Parkinson**  
SENIOR - BUSINESS

"When I was younger I was a 'Pimp Monkey,' sounds like a weird costume for a kid but I just loved it."